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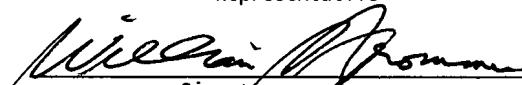
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REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DRAWING CHANGES

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Sir:

The undersigned attorney respectfully requests approval  
of the following changes to the drawing figures in the above-  
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FIG. 2:

Change "ALTITUDE" to --LATITUDE--.

FIG. 6:

Change "ALTITUDE" to --LATITUDE--.

The foregoing changes are indicated in red ink on the accompanying photocopies and will be incorporated into the formal drawings after the allowance of the above-referenced application.

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